



What's My Child Learning?

This is a review of the information your child is learning in Christ Our Life, Grade 2.

Unit 1: God Gives Us Life and Love

Goals

The children will come to appreciate everything and everyone as a gift from God. They will have a deeper understanding of Baptism and the Church.

Chapter 1: God Is the Giver of Gifts

The living God shares with each person the gift of human life and calls each one to eternal union. The children learn that their life is a sign of God's love and that they are led to a deeper awareness of God's presence in the love, beauty, and goodness of the other gifts given to them each day.

Chapter 2: Jesus Is God's Best Gift

The Father reveals his love for the human family in the gift of his Son. Jesus shows us how we can come into the fullness of our being and enjoy life with God forever. The children learn how they can begin to live in union with God, who has come to dwell among us.

Chapter 3: Jesus Lives in His Church

Baptism initiates us into a way of life that leads to personal fulfillment and to oneness with all peoples and with the Father, in and through Christ, together with the Holy Spirit. It joins us to the Church, a community of people who believe in Jesus and try to live together in love and unity under the leadership of our Holy Father, the pope. The children learn how Baptism opens their hearts to God's love and is the beginning of a new life. They learn that the Church proclaims and teaches God's Word, celebrates God's presence among us, and devotes itself to living in the power of God's love. They share in the mission of Christ as members of his Church.

Chapter 4: God Speaks to Us

We celebrate God's gifts by using them for others. The children review the main concepts of Unit 1. They participate in a celebration of their belonging to the Church community.

Unit 2: Jesus Calls Us to Give Ourselves in Love

Goals

The children will desire to follow Jesus' laws of love. They will understand what the commandments require of them.

Chapter 5: Jesus Shows Us How to Love God Our Father

Jesus, through his loving response to his Father in all things, shows us how we can find God's loving care in

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everything that happens. The children learn how they can follow Christ and express their love for the Father by praying, speaking of him with love, and keeping Sunday holy.

Chapter 6: Jesus Shows Us How to Love Others

Jesus, who calls us to love others as he has loved us, shows us that love consists of listening to God our Father and using our gifts to bring his joy and peace to others. The children learn that their actions toward others are also directed to God and are led to reach out to others with love by working on special projects. In this way, they use their gifts to respond to the needs of others.

Chapter 7: We Give Love to Others

We follow Christ's way of love when we are courteous, honest, and true. The children reflect on how they can bring God's love to others and are invited to respond to God's love by promising to follow Jesus.

Chapter 8: Jesus Calls Us to Live in Love

The children review the commandments. In a celebration, they are encouraged to commit themselves to follow Jesus Christ.

Unit 3: Jesus Gives Us the Gift of Peace

Goals

The children will be grateful for God's loving mercy in giving us the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance).

They will know how to celebrate this sacrament and express a desire to do so.

Chapter 9: Our Friend Jesus Forgives Us

Jesus' words and example show us that God is always reaching out to offer us forgiveness and peace. The children reflect on the way Jesus lovingly welcomed Zacchaeus and the sinful woman. They hear Jesus speak of God's joyful acceptance of our prayers for forgiveness.

Chapter 10: Jesus Leads Us to His Peace

Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit to help us to be, through mutual forgiveness, a community of peace. Sin is explained as saying no to God, who asks us to love and serve him and others. The children learn that in the Sacrament of Reconciliation Jesus gives us a sign of his divine forgiveness and the strength to grow in his love.

Chapter 11: The Holy Spirit Helps Us

The Holy Spirit is with us always to help us see ourselves as we are before God. In this chapter the children learn how they can become more aware of the role the Holy Spirit plays within them and how they can be filled with the Spirit's love, peace, and joy.

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Chapter 12: We Meet Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God's forgiving love reaches out to us through the ministry of the Church. The children learn that God forgives us whenever we confess our sins in sorrow and show our desire to live more faithfully according to the teachings and example of Jesus and the teachings of the Church.

Chapter 13: We Become Better Persons

Gratitude for God's forgiving love prompts us to give praise and thanks and to share God's peace and forgiving love with others. The children learn about the sacrament as a sign of God's forgiveness and are encouraged to take the initiative in showing their love by acts of penance.

Chapter 14: Jesus Calls Us His Friends

A celebration of reconciliation enables the children to experience the healing power of God's forgiveness and love. The celebration summarizes what the children have learned and helps them and their families acquire a deeper understanding and appreciation of their responsibility to share Christ's forgiving love with others.

Unit 4: Jesus Gives Us the Gift of Himself

Goals

The children will be familiar with the parts of the Mass and be able to join in.
They will be prepared to receive their First Holy Communion.

Chapter 15: Jesus Promised the Gift of Himself

Jesus Christ is the living bread, the Bread that gives us God's life and love. The children see Jesus multiplying food for the crowd. They hear him inviting them to receive bread from heaven that is broken and shared for the salvation of the world.

Chapter 16: We Celebrate God's Love

God's people celebrated his saving love at the Passover meal. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave the Church the means to join with him in joyful praise of the Father. The Mass makes Christ's sacrifice of himself to the Father present for us in a sacramental form. The children learn how to offer themselves with Jesus at Mass and how the Bread of Life helps them live in Christ and be united both with God and with one another.

Chapter 17: Jesus Invites Us

In this chapter, the children learn how the Introductory Rites of the Mass create a sense of anticipation and set the spirit of the celebration. They learn that Christians gather in Jesus' name to publicly proclaim that Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, is Lord of all creation.

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Chapter 18: We Listen and Pray

In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear God inviting us to live more completely in love. The children learn that if they are receptive to God's Word, they will hear God speak to them personally and call them to proclaim the Gospel with their lives. They learn that the Creed summarizes our beliefs and moves us to turn to God with confidence and to pray for the needs of all.

Chapter 19: We Prepare Our Gifts

The gifts of bread and wine that we present at Mass are signs of ourselves. The children learn that during the Preparation of the Gifts, they prepare to offer the gift of themselves along with Christ's perfect offering to the Father.

Chapter 20: Jesus Offers Himself

The Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass joins our praise and thanks to the Father with Christ's sacrifice. In this chapter, the children learn that during Mass, Jesus becomes present among us in a special way.

Chapter 21: We Receive the Bread of Life

During the Communion Rite of the Mass, we receive the Body and Blood of the Lord. In this chapter, the children are guided to prepare for Holy Communion and to receive Jesus reverently by meaningfully participating in each part of the Communion Rite. They learn that in Holy Communion, they are united with Jesus and through him with the Father and the Holy Spirit and also with his Body, the Church.

Chapter 22: We Share God's Love with Others

At the conclusion of the Mass, the priest or deacon dismisses us, sending us out to glorify the Lord by our lives and serve the Lord. The children learn that gratitude for God's gifts is best shown by trying to glorify the Lord by serving others and sharing his love with them.

Unit 5: The Church Celebrates God's Care

Goals

The children will appreciate the roles of different members united in the Body of Christ, the Church. They will be motivated to live as Christians throughout the summer with the help of Christ's presence and Mary's prayers.

Chapter 23: We Are One in the Church

The Church is one body in Christ. Christ is the head; we are the members. The children learn that the Eucharist unites all the members, enabling them to make their lives an expression of Christ's love no matter what vocation they live. The Church is missionary by nature. Each member of the Church is called to share Christ's message with others. The children learn specific ways in which they can show Jesus' love to people near and far.



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Chapter 24: Mary, Mother of the Church, Cares for Us

Mary, Mother of the Church, intercedes for her children and leads us closer to Jesus. The children learn how devotion to Mary can bring them closer to her Son.

Chapter 25: The Church Celebrates God's Love

This last chapter reviews how God cares for us through the Church. The children are reminded that we come to know Jesus better at the celebration of Mass, when he speaks to us through his Word, makes his Paschal Mystery present, and comes to us in Holy Communion. They engage in a celebration that praises God for his love and care and helps them plan to follow Christ faithfully during the summer.